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C O N F I D E N T I A L MBABANE 0199

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, MCAP, WZ, SF

SUBJECT: SWAZILAND ACQUISITION OF ARMS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF  
SOUTH AFRICA

REF: MBABANE 0153

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR EXPATRIATE OFFICIAL OF THE ROYAL SWAZILAND POLICE, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT SWAZILAND HAD BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL WEAPONS OR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEFENSE FORCE OR THE POLICE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE RSA HAS INFORMED THE GOS THAT DUE TO THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR IT WOULD BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL RADIOS OR LIGHT INFANTRY WEAPONS.

2. COMMENT: SWAZILAND HAS IN THE PAST OBTAINED ALL ITS WEAPONS FOR THE DEFENSE FORCE (1000-1500 MEN) AND THE POLICE MOBILE  
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UNIT (100-150 MEN) FROM THE RSA. RECENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF

SWAZILAND HAS SHOWN INCREASING INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING ITS  
MINISCULE DEFENSE FORCE AND CONTINUED SOUTH AFRICAN UNRESPON-  
SIVENESS TO THEIR DEMANDS FOR ARMS WILL PROBABLY FORCE THEM TO  
LOOK TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ASSISTANCE.  
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